for installation of 360 MW Gas-based combined Cycle Power Plant at Amguri in Sibsagar district of Assam has been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority at an estimated cost of Rs.408.25 crores. The project is awaiting investment decision of the Planning Commission.

(c) and (d). The prices of natural gas are fixed by the Government of India from time to time and do not vary from consumer to consumer. These are exclusive of royalty, sales-tax, other statutory duties and transportation charges which are charged on actual basis. The present prices of natural gas for the North-Eastern Region are Rs.1000/1000 CU.MTS with a discount of Rs.500/1000 CU MTS on a case to case basis.

Utilisation of Natural Gas in Assam

5453. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of PETROLUEM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and value of natural gas being produced from different oil and gas fields daily in Assam;

(b) the percentage, quantity and value of this gas being utilized in Assam for industry, power generation, fertilizer production, LPG production, separately; and

(c) the percentage, quantity and value of this gas being flared daily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSITRY OF PETROLUEM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR) : (a) and (b). About 5.8 MMSCMD, valued at approximately Rs. 106 crores per annum, at the prices of Rs. 500 per thousand M^3. It is utilised as follows :-

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	*Sector*	*Utilisation (MMSCMD)*	*% of prodn.*	*Value (Rs/crs) (at Rs. 500/1000 M³)*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*
1.	Industry	0.43	7.39	7.8
2.	Fertiliser	1.345	23.2	24.5
3.	Power	0.58	9.97	10.6
4.	LPG	0.11	1.89	2.0

(c) The gas flared is approximately 1.99 MMSCMD, which is about 34% of the production and valued at Rs. 36 crores per annum approximately.

Increase in Refinery Capacities

5454. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to increase the refining capacity of Digboi, Gauhati, Bongaigaon and Barauni refineries; and

(b) if so, what will be the new capacity of each of these refineries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir. The proposals are in various stages of approval/ implementation.

(b)

Digboi	-	0.65 MTPA
Gawahati	-	1.00 MTPA
Bongaigaon	-	2.35 MTPA
Barauni	-	3.80 MTPA

MTPA - Million Tonnes Per Annum.

Panchratna-Guwahati Rail line

5455. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of Panchratna-Guwahati broad gauge line Project;

(b) the funds allocated for 1991-92 and the expenditure incurred so far;

(c) the progress made so far in the construction work; and

(d) the target set for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The estimated cost of the Jogighopa-Guwahati B.G. line is Rs. 444 crores.

(b) Funds allotted for 1991-92 Rs. 95 crores and total expenditure upto June, 1991 Rs. 175.43 crores.

(c) 31.55%

(d) June, 1994.

Tourism Development in Rajgir, Bihar

5456. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for tourism development in Nalanda, Pawapuri and Rajgir;

(b) whether the Government have any plan to air link Rajgir for the purpose;

(c) whether the Government have also any plan to connect all the four hills of Rajgir by aerial rope way; and

(d) if so, the details thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Department of Tourism has extended financial assistance to the State Government of Bihar for the following projects:-

(i) Tourist Bungalow at Nalanda.

(ii) Public conveniences at Nalanda

(iii) Cafetaria and public conveniences at Rajgir.

Development of infrastructure has also been taken with the assistance from Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECR) of Japan, in the Nalanda - Rajgir region.